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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. *(Currently Amended)* A recording apparatus comprising:

removing means for removing a recording medium from the medium fixing member, said recording medium being fixed to a medium fixing member such that an active surface of the recording medium is facing to the medium fixing member,

wherein the removing means has,

a removing claw, the removing claw having an upper face that is operative to contact the recording medium;

side faces, the side faces respectively having a height which is reduced toward a tip such that portions joining the upper face and the side faces respectively are rounded to form rounded portions which [[and]] extend along the length of the side faces; and

a non-curvilinear portion provided between the rounded portions.